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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION recognizing Thursday, May 1, 2014, as Law Day U.S.A. in the State of New York

WHEREAS, For over two centuries, our State and Nation have adhered to the rule of law as the foundation for a safe, free, and just society; seeking to formally recognize this tradition, President Eisenhower established Law Day in 1958, as "a day of national dedication to the principles of government under the law"; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body celebrates the importance of Law Day U.S.A. in the State of New York; in doing so, we, as citizens, of this great State and this Nation, recommit ourselves to the rule of law and to upholding the fundamental principles enshrined in our founding documents; and

WHEREAS, The theme of this year's Law Day is "American Democracy and the Rule of Law: Why Every Vote Matters" in recognition of the importance of a citizen's right to vote and the challenges we still face in ensuring that all Americans have the opportunity to participate in our democracy; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is committed to ensuring that the citizens of New York State understand, remain dedicated to, and are protected by the principles of government under the law; now; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to recognize Thursday, May 1, 2014, as Law Day U.S.A. in the State of New York; and be it further

RESOLVED, That copies of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to James R. Silkenat, President, American Bar Association; and David M. Schraver, President, New York State Bar Association.